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The "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, morning newspaper, on Friday, October 25, on Page 25, carried an article captioned "FBI Aide Cited by Court Panel." This article restates in general the information previously attributed to [REDACTED] of Washington, a senior fingerprint expert. The article continues by stating that [REDACTED] was ordered to show cause on December 6 why he should not be adjudged in contempt for violation of a criminal court order limiting pre-trial publicity in the case of JAMES EARL RAY. The charge reportedly is based on an interview with Mr. [REDACTED] published in the September 11 issue of the "Wichita Beacon," Wichita, Kansas. This information which appeared in the "Wichita Beacon" has previously been furnished to the Bureau.

In addition, the article states that "In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said there would be no comment before Judge Battle's attested order reaches Washington." The article further quotes from the "Katzenbach Guidelines" governing tolerances of department personnel.

Xerox copies of the newspaper article are enclosed.

Copies of the petition for contempt have previously been furnished for the Bureau's assistance and guidance. Two copies of the petition, which was actually filed on 10/24/68, are attached hereto for the Bureau's information. The only additions to this petition are Xerox copies of the newspaper articles which are labeled "Exhibit A," "Exhibit B," and "Exhibit C." One additional page has been attached to the petition which bears

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